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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: ***D.T.E. 97-116 and D.T.E. 99-39***

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

WorldCom, Inc. ("WorldCom"), hereby replies as follows to the filings on July 31, 2002, concerning Verizon's request to reopen the above-referenced dockets. Only AT&T Communications of New England, Inc. ("AT&T"), agrees with Verizon that the Department should reopen these dockets, though AT&T strongly disagrees with Verizon's proposal for truncated proceedings. For the reasons set forth in WorldCom's response filed July 31, 2002, AT&T is mistaken in its view that the Department should reopen these dockets. The Department cannot and should not reopen these dockets given the status of the matters before the federal district court, where resolution is imminent. WorldCom agrees with AT&T, however, that under no circumstances may the Department initiate proceedings through the truncated procedures that Verizon has proposed, and that interconnection agreements like those at issue require reciprocal compensation for calls to Internet service providers.

On all other issues, WorldCom respectfully refers the Department to its response filed July 31, 2002.

Very truly yours,

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